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Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Human resources management

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Jan Piotr **Jaremczuk** (Poland)

I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 17 September 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the question of gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities, under item 118, in conjunction with item 164, entitled "Human resources management", at its 39th, 40th, 56th and 58th meetings, on 19 and 30 November 1999 and 28 and 31 March 2000. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/54/SR.39, 40, 56 and 58).

3. For its consideration of the question the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the report of the Secretary-General on gratis personnel provided by Governments (A/54/470);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities, containing both the annual report, covering the

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period from 1 October 1998 to 30 September 1999, and the quarterly report, covering the period from 1 July to 30 September 1999 (A/54/533);[1]

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities containing the quarterly report for the period from 1 October 1999 to 31 December 1999 (A/C.5/54/51);[2]

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on gratis personnel provided by Governments covering the period from 1 April to 30 June 1999 (A/53/1028).

II. Consideration of a draft decision proposed by the Chairman

4. At its 58th meeting, on 31 March 2000, following a statement by the representative of India and coordinator of informal consultations on this question, and on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that it defer consideration of this item to the second part of its resumed fifty-fourth session (see para. 5).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

5. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities

The General Assembly decides to defer consideration of the question entitled "Gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities" to the second part of its resumed fifty-fourth session.

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[1] See A/C.5/54/SR.39 for the related oral statement by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the report of the Secretary-General (A/54/533) made at the 39th meeting of the Fifth Committee on 19 November 1999.

[2] See A/C.5/54/SR.56 for the related oral statement by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/54/51) made at the 56th meeting of the Fifth Committee on 28 March 2000.

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I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 17 September 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the question of the proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission under item 118, in conjunction with item 164, entitled "Human resources management", at its 55th and 58th meetings, on 27 and 31 March 2000. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the question are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/54/SR.55 and 58).

3. For its consideration of the question, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission (A/54/695 and Corr.1) and the report of the Secretary-General on regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of the Secretary-General (A/54/710 and Corr.1).

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II. Consideration of a draft decision proposed by the Chairman

4. At its 58th meeting, on 31 March, having heard a statement by the representative of Cuba, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this question, and on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that it defer consideration of this question until its fifty-fifth session (see para. 6).

5. Following the adoption of the draft decision, statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Tunisia and Cuba (see A/C.5/54/SR.58).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission

The General Assembly decides to defer consideration of the question of the proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission until its fifty-fifth session.

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Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Jan Piotr **Jaremczuk** (Poland)

I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 17 September 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 19th, 22nd, 31st and 58th meetings, on 28 October, 1 and 9 November 1999 and 31 March 2000. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/54/SR.19, 22, 31 and 58).

3. For its consideration of the item the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999 (A/54/393);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 (A/53/428);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997 (A/52/426);

(d) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the Joint Inspection Unit on the final reports produced by the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/52/464);

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(e) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 1995 to 30 June 1996 (A/51/432);

(f) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Joint Inspection Unit on the final reports produced by the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/51/530 and Corr.1);

(g) Report of the Secretary-General on enhancing the internal oversight mechanisms in operational funds and programmes (A/51/801).

II. Consideration of a draft decision proposed by the Chairman

4. At its 58th meeting, on 31 March, following a statement by the representative of Belgium and coordinator of informal consultations on this item, and on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that it defer consideration of this item to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly (see para. 6).

5. Following the adoption of the draft decision, the representative of Tunisia made a statement (see A/C.5/54/SR.58).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

The General Assembly decides to defer consideration of the item entitled "Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services" to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly.

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Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Jan Piotr **Jaremczuk** (Poland)

I. Introduction

1. At its 90th plenary meeting, on 2 March 2000, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General (A/54/237), decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 57th and 58th meetings, on 29 and 31 March 2000. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/54/SR.57 and 58).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (A/54/808) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/54/813).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.53

4. At the 58th meeting, on 31 March, the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on behalf of the Chairman, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo" (A/C.5/54/L.53), which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.53 without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,

Bearing in mind Security Council resolutions 1258 (1999) of 6 August 1999 and 1279 (1999) of 30 November 1999 regarding the deployment to the Congo region of military liaison personnel and the establishment of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, respectively, and Security Council resolution 1291 (2000) of 24 February 2000, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 31 August 2000,

Recognizing that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing also that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Trust Fund to Support the Peace Process in the Democratic Republic of the Congo,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

2. *Urges* all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in full and on time;

3. *Expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

4. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

5. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission, and for this purpose requests the Secretary-General to speed up the implementation of the asset management system at all peacekeeping missions in accordance with General Assembly resolution 52/1 of 15 October 1997;

7. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,2 and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to employ locally recruited staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

10. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the Mission for the period from 6 August 1999 to 30 June 2000 in an amount not exceeding 200 million United States dollars gross (199,760,000 dollars net), inclusive of the amount of 41,011,200 dollars gross (40,771,200 dollars net) previously authorized by the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the Mission;

11. *Decides*, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 200 million dollars gross (199,760,000 dollars net) among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993, 50/451 B of 23 December 1995 and 54/456 to 54/458 of 23 December 1999, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1999 and 2000, as set out in its resolutions 52/215 A of 22 December 1997 and 54/237 A of 23 December 1999;

12. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 11 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 240,000 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 6 August 1999 to 30 June 2000;

13. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

14. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission;

15. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, in September 2000, a comprehensive report on the financing of the Mission, including full budget estimates and information on the utilization of resources until the time of the submission of the report, to enable the Assembly to take action on it at the main part of its fifty-fifth session;

17. *Notes* the intention of the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, during the second part of its resumed fifty-fourth session, a preliminary expenditure report for the Mission for the period from 6 August 1999 to 30 June 2000;

18. *Decides* to keep under review during its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo".